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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-56 are pending in the present application. Claims 27-56 are allowed. By her Office Action dated June 29, 2006, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1-26, and specifically to claims 1, 13, and 25 as being improper. The Examiner states that claims 1 and 13 should be identified as "Amended" with the changes from the original patent claims shown by underlining and brackets.

In order to place this case in condition for allowance and comply with the Examiner's request, Applicant has re-presented claims 1 and 13 with the status identifier "Amended", with the changes from the original patent claims shown by underlining and brackets as required by the Examiner. Further, Applicant has also re-presented Claim 25 with the status identifier "Amended", with the changes from the original patent claims shown by underlining and brackets. *No amendment, other than to show existing changes as required by the Examiner, has otherwise been made to these claims.*

Having complied with the Examiner's requirements, Applicant believes claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests Examiner remove her objection.

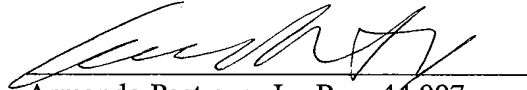
The Examiner has also requested that a supplemental declaration be submitted due to amendments made during prosecution. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant has previously submitted a supplemental declaration covering the scope of all amendments made during prosecution (Applicant's "Response and Amendment" submitted May 6, 2004). Applicant has attached, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of that declaration.

Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that in view of the preceding remarks and arguments, the Examiner's basis for objecting to the pending claims has been overcome, and that all remaining pending claims (claims 1-56) are now in

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condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. Please direct any questions concerning the foregoing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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